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From: <fcpl@ix.netcom.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/14/96 11:12pm
Subject: International Interexchange Telecommunications VIA the "Internet"

I would like to go on record as OPPOSING this rule addition/change.

Respectfully
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From: Jim <sundowner@sprintmail.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/14/96 11:48pm
Subject: Internet phone company charges

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The attempt by the phone companies to charge by the minute is but one more attempt by them to leach money from subscribers who have no access to phone lines except thru a monopoly. Already we the phone companies scribes pay monthly fees just to have a telephone in the house that works. EVEN if we do not use the phone.

The attempt to charge for internet connect time (by the minute) is simply an attempt by these greedy companies to steal money from a captive audience.

How many times must we pay for the telephone lines to connect to our house. Next they will try to figure out a way to charge us when our answering machines come on.

It is time to say STOP, you get enough money for the poor service that you supply now. How large a dividend to the shareholders of the phone companies must we pay? US West to use an example was paying a dividend of almost 10% of share price.

Thank You

James R. Wick
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From: Steve Seibel <pastor@enter.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 3:31am
Subject: I would ask that you do not grant to the phone companys the ability

I would ask that you do not grant to the phone companys the ability to charge more for the use of phone lines for internet and e-mail Purposes.

Stephen E. Seibel
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From: Jim Casadevall <jcasadevall@adam.cheshire.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/15/96 1:23am
Subject: OPPOSING THIS RULE!!

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May I go on record as OPPOSING the "International Interexchange Telecommunications Via the Internet" rule/ addition/ change.

Respectfully

James L. Casadevall
326 Court St
Keene, NH 03431

CC: FCCMAIL.SMTP("pcrowley@CSWG.com")

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From: Lynn T. Olson <lynno@teleport.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/15/96 2:26am
Subject: International Interexchange Telecommunications VIA the Internet

As an Internet user since 1982, I am strongly opposed to the telephone companies forcing ISP's to charge by the minute. The concept of flat-rate pricing is an integral part of the basic structure of the Internet, and has encouraged the technological innovation which sets the American computer industry apart from Japanese and European competitors.

Lynn Olson, Associate Editor, Positive Feedback Magazine
Web Page: <http://www.teleport.com/~lynno/Ariel.htm>
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From: William Eckle <wmeckle@primenet.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/15/96 6:45am
Subject: Internet access rates

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Hi Folks:

As you are aware the phone companies (U. S. West in my case) are pressing for the right to charge Internet Service Providers a "by the minute" fee for providing a flat rate to their customers (me). This, of course would be passed on by the ISPs as a raise in rates to their customers (me).

How will this affect me ? Any rate change would effectively price me out of the market, as I'm on a low fixed income. The Internet is almost my entire, and only access to the outside world.

Where else but the Internet could I challenge any of you to a bridge game in London UK, with my regular partner from Connecticut ?

Please take into consideration the plight of rate increases on small consumers like me. Thank you for your attention.

--Bill Eckle--
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wmeckle@juno.com
Phoenix, Arizona, USA

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CC: Frederick W. Franz <wa6vhh@juno.com>

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From: Rose Kremers <luwyoros@coffey.com>
To: FCCINFO <FCCINFO@fcc.gov>
Date: 11/14/96 6:19pm
Subject: regarding phone company's recent request

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Please, please, please don't grant phone companies the right to charge Internet users fees for on-line use. That would be an awful thing to happen. We already pay a large fee to our servers.

Thanks for listening.

Rose Kremers
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From: duby <duby@evansville.net>
To: FCC <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 11/14/96 7:11pm
Subject: online time charge

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I would like to express my concern to the issue of phone companies charging for Internet online time as if it were long distance, I think that would be an outrageous act of desperation to soak the public for more money. Since Software companies have found a way to enable Users of the Internet to have voice capabilities that might allow long distance contact at a local phone rate, They might be a bit jealous! I'm sure that I'm one of many thousands that would not like to see thier request for this charge implemented at all. I don't think the public should suffer any of this kind price hike just to satisfy the "GREED" of any company, In closing I would like the FCC "NOT" to grant the phone companies this request!

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From: Rose Kremers <luwyoros@coffey.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/14/96 6:23pm
Subject: phone company's recent request for additional charges

Please, please, please don't grant the phone companies the right to charge Internet users long-distance fees for on-line use. We already pay through the nose. This would be a disaster to those of us in rural areas who already pay high long-distance fees to call a few miles away as well as to schools and small businesses.

Thanks for listening.

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From: <slatta@unity.ncsu.edu>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 9:19am
Subject: Internet access fees

Hello.

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I hope that the FCC will resist phone company lobbying to gouge customers for Internet access. Obviously, competition cannot assist in this problem, unless we each have 3 or more phone lines from different companies routed to our houses to shop for the best rates. This targeted fee would also provide a dangerous precedent. What next? Higher fees if we call a business as opposed to a family number? The FCC has worked hard and well to protect consumer interests against what it still a very powerful quasi-monopoly--telephone companies. Please keep doing your job. Sincerely,

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From: Scott Reichel <scottr@1stnet.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 9:48am
Subject: Petition by major telephone companies.....

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To whom it may concern...

I heard that major telephone companies are petitioning the FCC to allow them to charge an additional fee for data calls such as dialing in to an Internet service provider. This cannot be allowed to happen. As it is, the phone companies are charging an outrageous price for our use of their antiquated equipment! They want this petition so that they can pull yet more money into their greedy little hands.

As i have said earlier, this petition cannot be approved. To do so would be a major mistake. I trust you will make a good decision....

Scott Reichel
WebMaster
FirstNet of Acadiana

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Do not let the fact that things are not made for you,
that conditions are not as they should be, stop you.
Go on anyway. Everything depends on those who go on anyway.

Robert Henri

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From: Pam Gaddie <oally19@tu.infi.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 10:35am
Subject: Phone Companies Charging For Internet Users for Local Calls

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Office of Secretary

To Whom It May Concern,

I have heard there is a request by the phone companies to charge the internet users for using the internet. 1st they can not differentiate between what we use our phone services for.

A call is a call and is private. They do not have the right to monitor where and when I spend my time on my phone. I pay long distance for long distance calls, and I pay a local connection fee. In addition to this there are charges on my phone bill that are "Taxes". I do not appreciate as a consumer someone jumping on the band wagon to charge me for the usage of a service that pays to provide a local phone number for me to connect to.

It is a invasion on my "freedom" to exist and be and

"individual". This country is moving back to the days of "taxation without representation". It just calls it justified out of greed perhaps they would be wiser to notice that there are other ways to connect to the internet via cable and soon Sattelites.

The phone companies can set up their own internet service and charge me for the use of it... but to set up a additional charge specifically targetted at Internet Users is ludicrous and it is abusive of the American People. If they wish to do this there is no way they can tell the difference between a internet phone call and a personal one that is voice... other than by invading my right to privacy. I do have a right to privacy, a right to call a business and despite what that business does it is not within the phone companies right to moderate it. Their only right is in local and long distance charging.

If what I do is within the legal limits of the law it is no-ones business.

Billing should have nothing to do with Internet

Usage.... the reason the internet has evolved is to keep costs down. The whole world at large would take a huge hit from these charges in one way or another. Get out of my right to be a individual and deal with providing service.

They need a good budget, bringing more money in is no answer to budget problems. Get on the ball and see to it that the American People are not charged for what is a break through in communication do not limit communication.... see that it remains as it is now. A service is a service and discrimination on how a service is used to connect to where is "wrong".

Thanks Pamela Gaddie
Have a great day!! Pam/oally19

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("tignest@frii.com") Federal Communications Commission
Date: 11/15/96 11:48am (Office of Secretary)
Subject: increase in phone charges -Reply

Your comment is being forwarded to be associated with the ACTA Internet Phone Petition (RM No. 8775) Please make all future comments directly to rm8775@fcc.gov

>>> Alex Lukeman <tignest@frii.com> 11/15/96 11:36am >>>
To Whom It May Concern,

I am sending this to let you know that I very strongly oppose additional charges by phone companies either for local calls or for local access to internet providers. This cynical attempt by the various phone companies to cash in on the growing popularity of the internet will impose a serious financial burden on many, many people. It will discourage the development of the internet, and shift the demographics of access.

Your responsibility is to monitor the fair application and usage of communications for the general public. Please deny these increases.

Sincerely,

Alex Lukeman
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CC: rm8775

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From: Jenny S. Johanssen <johanssen@matnet.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/14/96 7:52pm
Subject: Internet user fee

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Zora Nicodemus wrote:

> > Got this on another list and thought it might need passing on. Zora
> > >
> > PLEASE EVERYONE EMAIL THE FCC, THEIR SENATORS,
> > AND REPRESENTATIVES AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWPOINT ON THIS ISSUE!!!
> >
> > >Hi,
> > >
> > > On a news broadcast last night from Denver, they said that the major
> > phone
> > >companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like
> > >long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.
> > > > > fccinfo@fcc.gov

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

I am writing to you to implore you not to grant the greedy phone companies their request to charge internet users as if their usage were long distance phone calls. I am retired, and live in a community 50 miles from my childrens' home town. Because I live alone, I use e-mail daily to keep in touch with them. I cannot afford the exorbitant long distance phone rates that are currently charged, and found this a safe, inexpensive way of keeping in touch. Please restrict the phone companies greed factor and restrict them to charging for their business, not internet usage. The phone companies reiterate by saying that if it weren't for excessive internet usage, they would not have to upgrade their lines. Baloney - it's about time that the phone companies gave customers the service they pay for. Keep their meddling hands out of the INTERNET!!!!. Thank you --

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From: John Meyers <jfmeyers@airmail.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/14/96 7:58pm
Subject: Internet vs. Telcos

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Consumer Affairs

Please do not give in to the telcos easily on Internet service provider rate hikes. The telcos have had us by the short hairs for decades.

I am paying FULL retail for my second phone line and they are still providing the same level of service as ten years ago.

The flood of second phone lines in homes for internet use has given them record sales and they still want more. Fooey on them.

This revolution in communication is a boost for them most of all, and they still want more more more. Just say NO !!

John Meyers
Irving, Texas

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From: Debra L. Horan <debho@cuttingedge.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/14/96 8:05pm
Subject: phone line usage

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To whom it may concern:

Please do not grant the phone line owners the ability to charge for the use of their phone lines for internet users. As a user of the internet out in the country, I could never be able to have access to the internet if you were to begin charging for phone line usage.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely

Debra Horan

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From: Ryan Ledgerwood <ledger@in.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/15/96 7:42am
Subject: Internet Access

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Forward:

A message refers to telephone companies in the U.S. appealing to the FCC to charge ISP's by the minute for access to the INET, the cost of which, if approved, would have to be passed along to the customer.

If the above is true,

I will not be willing to incur the increased cost for internet access via dialup telephone line.

Ryan Ledgerwood

Sr. Systems Analyst
Cambridge Industries

CC: FCCMAIL.SMTP("Barb1124@aol.com")

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From: Floyd Rogers <frogers@ix.netcom.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/14/96 11:26pm
Subject: Internet Fees

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

It is my understanding that major phone companies are petitioning to charge Internet users a fee for online time. This seems like a request to charge us for something we are already paying for through our service providers.
It seems unreasonable to pay twice for the same service.

Please register my strong objection to this petition.

Floyd Rogers - Zone 5A frogers@ix.netcom.com Butterfield Gardens
Bug of the Month Club (TM) Warrenville, Illinois

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From: J. T. Littlejohn Jr. <jlittlej@nmsu.edu>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 3:11am
Subject: telephone companies

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

To whom it may concern,

The request of telephone companies to charge internet users the same way that they do long distance service users is an outrage. We are already paying for internet use through ISPs and other online services so why does the phone companies want more? The internet is the wave of the future, and the future is now. Why put up barriers to progress? That is not what this country was founded upon. I emlore you to stop this proposed madness and deny this request.

Later JT

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From: J <jaryden@magick.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 3:36am
Subject: Phone company application to charge internet users a fee... NO-oooooo

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

On a news broadcast from Denver, there was an announcement that major phone companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

We already pay a fee indirectly when we pay the service provider who, I believe, pays the phone company big bucks for trunk lines and other services.

Thanks

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Have faith in yourself. After all, out of 500,000,000 sperm, you were
the fastest!
Judy jaryden@gp.magick.net

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From: David Hogue <dhogue@intranet.ca>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/15/96 5:08pm
Subject: Re: Extra Billing for Internet Users

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

As if we don't have to pay enough as it is. If it's not Harris dipping into our pockets, then it's some other group of jerks who are making enough off us to begin with. Bell Canada makes more than enough money from long distance fees, and already to high rentals fees for equipment that more often than not doesn't work well to begin with. Now they want to charge us even more for Internet usage, GIVE US A BREAK. Please tell them where they can go.

Thanks for your time.
D. Hogue

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